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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

11 CFR Part 8

[Notice 1994-19]

National Voter Registration Act

AGENCY: Federal Election Commission.

ACTION: Technical Amendment, final rule.

SUMMARY: The Federal Election Commission is publishing a technical amendment to the final rules addressing Commission responsibilities under the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 ("NVRA" or "the Act"). The amendment clarifies what information shall be included in the State reports to be filed with the Commission on March 31, 1995.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 15, 1994.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 23, 1994, the Commission published final rules addressing its responsibilities under the National Voter Registration Act of 1993, Public Law 103-31, 197 Stat. 77, 42 U.S.C. 1973gg-1 *et seq.* 59 FR 32311. See 11 CFR part 8. Under 42 U.S.C. 1973gg-7(a), the Commission shall submit to Congress no later than June 30 of each odd-numbered year, beginning June 30, 1995, a report assessing the impact of the Act and recommending improvements in Federal and state procedures, forms, and other matters affected by the Act.

The information requested from the states to assist the Commission in preparing these reports is set forth at 11 CFR 8.7(b)(1)-(10). This information is due by the March 31 preceding each June 30 due date. 11 CFR 8.7(a).

11 CFR 8.7(c) requests more limited information for the report due on June 30, 1995. Since the NVRA will not take effect until January 1, 1995, it will not

be possible to "assess its impact" in this initial report. The Commission is therefore requesting that, for this report only, states provide only the number of registered voters statewide in the most recent federal general election, along with a brief narrative or general description of the state's implementation of the NVRA.

The specific request for information on the number of registered voters statewide in the most recent federal general election is found at 11 CFR 8.7(b)(2). However, section 8.7(c) incorrectly references paragraph 8.7(b)(1), which information is not needed for the initial report. It is necessary, therefore, to change the reference in 11 CFR 8.7(c) from "paragraph (b)(1) of this section" to "paragraph (b)(2) of this section." The accompanying State of Basis and Purpose provides the correct information. 59 FR 32370.

Because this is a technical amendment, it is not a substantive rule requiring notice and comment under the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. 553. This amendment is, therefore, made effective on December 15, 1994.